

**VERIFICATION
OF
OYSTER TREATMENT PROCESS**
TO REDUCE *VIBRIO VULNIFICUS* TO NON-DETECTABLE LEVELS

**THIS EXEMPTION LETTER IS VALID FOR LOUISIANA OR MISSISSIPPI GULF
OYSTERS ONLY AND HARVESTED FROM OCTOBER THROUGH APRIL**

Title 17, California Code of Regulations
Sections 13675 and 13676

Pursuant to Title 17, California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 13675(g), the Department of Public Health has determined that oysters harvested from the Gulf of Mexico and Individually Quick Frozen (IQF) by,

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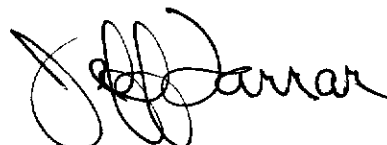
166 W. North Street
Pass Christian, MS 39571
Shellfish Certification Number: MS 175 SP

have been scientifically validated to reduce the level of *Vibrio vulnificus* to "non-detectable" (<3 MPN/g) and are not subject to the restrictions for sale required by Section 13675(c)(5) or written warnings required in Section 13675(b).

Section 13675(h) requires that the oyster processor provide a copy of this exemption letter to any dealer or retail food facility in California to whom the processor sells or provides processed Gulf of Mexico oysters.

Notice Expires: October 22, 2009

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
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